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Karen Snider sketches a live model during a life drawing session on Nov. 28

Live models pose for life drawing sessions

Maggie Waldmann & Ashley Boyle
Arts & Life Editors

A short, stout middle-aged man took a seat in a reclined chair propped up on a small platform in the center of the art studio. He positioned his body casually, hanging one leg over the chair arm, hands relaxed against his knees. “Are you ready?” asked GC art professor Valerie Aranda. The model locked his

gaze on the wall across from him, still as a statue. Each artist studied his bearded face and bare feet as they began to sketch on their canvases. These life drawing classes, started by Aranda in 2002, are non-instructional drawing sessions that focus on drawing the human body from a live model. The sessions are held throughout the year on the second floor of Ennis Hall and are open to all GC students, faculty and staff as well as Milledgeville community members.



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GC student

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Injured Tarver still leads

Lily Starnes
Assistant Sports Editor

As a group, the women's basketball team has all their cards lined up to have a successful season. They have the talented freshman class,



Photo courtesy of GC Sports Information

Tarver preparing for a free throw

the key returners, but what they are missing is their talented senior guard, Shay Tarver. Thirty seconds into the Bobcats' pre-season scrimmage, Tarver made one wrong move and ended up on the floor of the court, clutching her right knee in pain. “It was within the first 30 seconds of the game,” Tarver said. “I just drove the ball and took an awkward step and everything went down from there.” The end result was a torn meniscus and the question whether she would play through the pain or forgo her senior season. This was not Tarver's first leg injury. When she was in high school, she experienced a torn hamstring in her left leg. “I would always call my left leg my bad leg, and now it's my right leg, so now I have no good leg,” Tarver said with a laugh. With one injury is the recent past, Tarver remembers the feeling

of being injured all too well. This time she plans to be there for her teammates even if she can't physically contribute anything. Tarver wants to be there for the new freshman as their season gets going. “I know I have to have a bigger voice now that I can't be out there physically,” Tarver said. “The freshman love coming to me to ask questions. They would rather come to me than bug our coaches during the game.” Tarver is doing much more than sitting on the sidelines and cheering. Behind the scenes, she is spending time with the team trainer to strengthen her knee so she can return to the court sooner and get back to her favorite game. “I am doing physical therapy every day,” Tarver said. “It's a big change for me. I have not always been the training room type of person. I know I am not going to be my 100 percent self, but I just want to contribute as much as I can.” Beyond the training room, many athletes struggle with the mental side of an injury more than the physical side. “Physically I feel like my leg is stronger than ever now that I am doing physical therapy, but it's just

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Excused vote

Keegan Casteel
Staff Writer

The University System of Georgia states that students are allowed to be excused from classes to exercise their right to vote, but many GC students and faculty members are shockingly unaware of this policy. The confusion arises from the policy being absent in GC's Policies, Procedures and Practices catalog. The catalog fails to mention any type of guidelines related to being excused from class for voting purposes. When asked to present GC's policy on the matter, Omar Odeh, the associate vice president for Strategic Communications, only cited the policy found in the University System of Georgia's handbook. Section 4.1.3 entitled “Student Voting Privileges” in USG's catalog reads, “Students are encouraged to vote in all

federal, state and local elections. A student whose class schedule would otherwise prevent him or her from voting will be permitted an excused absence for the interval reasonably required for voting.” GC abides by the University System of Georgia, a government authority created to enforce a single set of unified rules for all public higher education in the state. However, university officials failed to alert students and faculty through email of the policy prior to midterm elections on Nov. 6, so many students believed that the choice to be excused was in the hands of their professors. A senior marketing major* was denied an excused absence by her professor* for a business class on the day of midterm elections. With prior knowledge of the policy, she had planned on driving back home to vote in person. “I emailed her the day

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A downtown alley has seen two weapons situations in the past month.

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Volleyball exits Southeast region tournament in semifinals to the hands of USC Aiken.

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A student shares her experience of celebrating Thanksgiving with an eating disorder.

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NEWS

Holiday shoppers beware

Amy Lynn McDonald
Asst. News Editor

In 2017, 21 percent of cybercrime victims were under 30 years old, meaning even young people who grew up with technology are not immune to fraud schemes.

With the holiday season approaching, it is important to know how to spot phishing, since cyber criminals often try to spoof online shopping vendors and holiday store discounts sent via email.

Phishing is a form of cybercrime where a criminal attempts to obtain information, such as usernames, passwords or credit card details by posing as a legitimate source via email, often with a message that either seems too good to be true or has a panic factor.

“It’s just good old-fashioned social engineering,” said Hance Patrick information security and compliance officer.

At GC, Patrick is responsible for protecting sensitive information on GC’s networks, such as medical records and financial information, ensuring those networks meet federal and state security regulations.

In a fraudulent email, there is often a link within the spoofed email that leads to what looks like a reputable website, where victims are asked to input important passwords or financial

information. Once a victim enters his or her information, criminals can drain financial accounts and steal other personal information to sell for large sums of money.

GC’s Chief Information Officer Bob Orr said email phishing is the “largest threat vector, and people mistakenly giving away their credentials.”

Other threats include direct attacks to the network, but the firewalls prevent these attacks from being harmful and malicious.

The firewalls around GC are patched weekly, meaning the code is updated to prevent new hacks from getting through to sensitive information, and once a month, Patrick scans the firewalls from outside GC’s network to ensure there are no openings for that hackers can exploit.

Phishing is a concerning threat because it is a simple fraud that has the ability to bypass an expensive and wide-reaching security system. It targets individuals through a trusted avenue of communication, playing upon their natural inclinations and desires.

People naturally want to be a lucky winner or fix a problem with their bank account. However, looking at the URL of the link will usually reveal the fraud.

“Be more skeptical of some things, and if it seems too good to be true, it probably is,” said sophomore Harris Collier, a computer

science major.

Hacking institutions and phishing individuals are increasingly profitable for criminals across the globe.

According to the FBI, cyber criminals stole 29 million dollars in 2017 across the U.S. from phishing schemes. Perpetrators are rarely caught, often because they are difficult to trace and are located overseas, outside the realm of legal recourse.

Even GC emails are not immune to phishing. From Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, 15 percent of the emails the faculty and staff received contained a blocked link, a red flag indicative of a possible phish.

To prevent these phishing attempts from being successful, Patrick stages

his own, non-malicious phishes to see where faculty and staff members are weak in their phish-detection skills.

“If you know what you’re looking for, the phish presents itself,” Patrick said.

GC is ranked one of the top schools in Georgia for information according to Orr.

However, the school itself can only go so far in protecting the information of individuals, so students and staff need to be educated on how to spot a possible fraudulent email.

“All the expensive hardware can’t stop us as humans from making a mistake,” Patrick said. “Everyone must be smart and educated as they can.”

GC voting

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cent midterm election.

“I really value civic engagement,” Zimmerman said. “Since GC has this whole pre-eminent, liberal arts mission, then voting should be something that students should be academically excused for.”

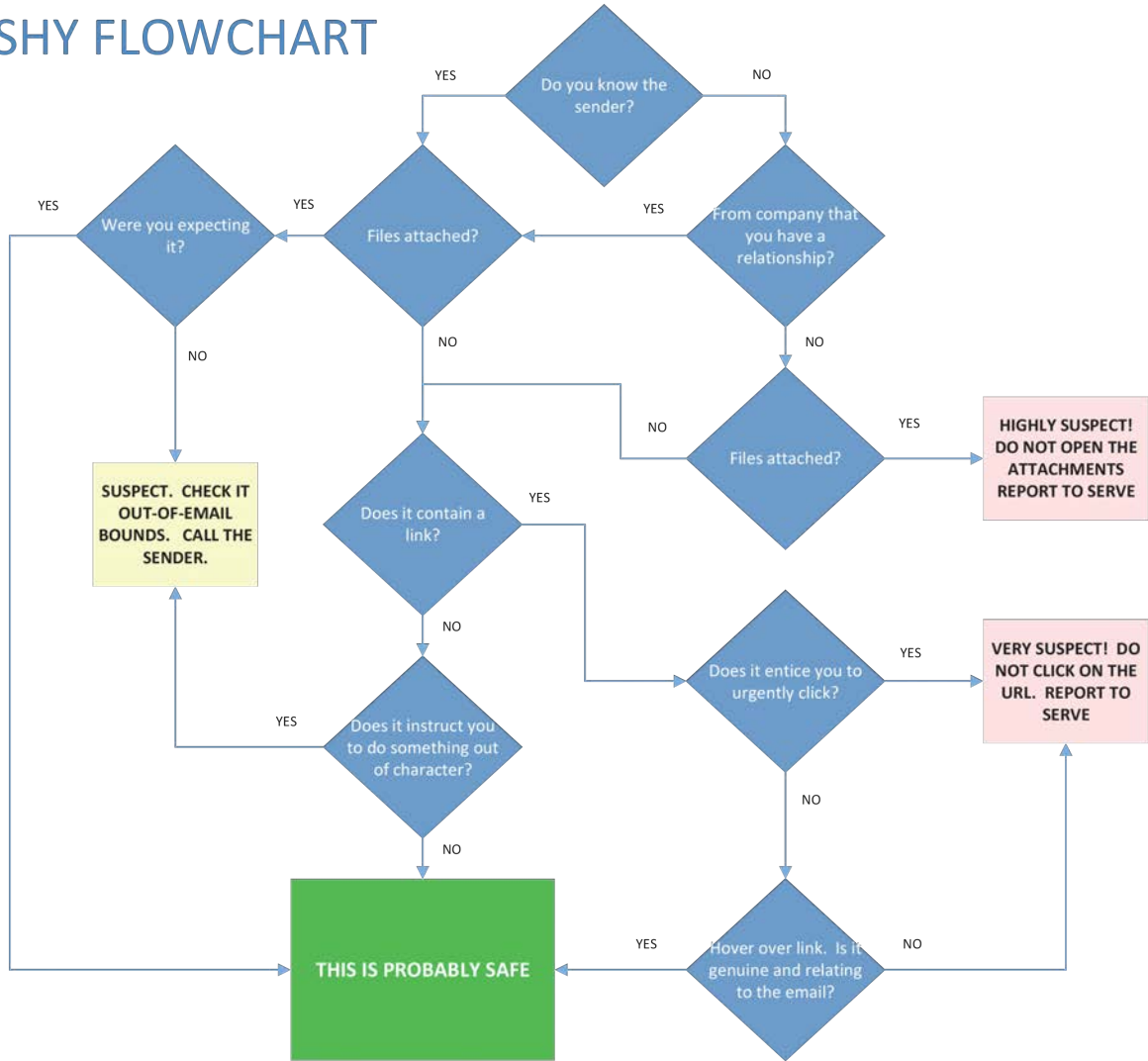
Even Janet Hoffmann, the campus coordinator of the American Democracy Project, was unaware of the policy, citing that she didn’t believe that GC had one.

However, Odeh said, “As far as I know, it is a fairly uniform policy across all institutions in the University System of Georgia.”

No comment was given on why the policy is absent from GC’s guidelines or why students and faculty have not been directly educated on the matter.

*The student preferred her name and her professor’s name be omitted.

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NEWS



Courtesy Ryan Ellenwood

Borders longboards on the street on Nov. 27

Legality of longboarding

Brendan Borders
Staff Writer

There is a major gray area in the vehicular law involving bicycles and skateboards in the Milledgeville and GC community.

Milledgeville City Ordinance and Georgia State Law prevent wrongdoing in the area of Baldwin County.

However, they contradict each other when referring to the use of a bicycle, skateboard or any other self-propelled vehicle.

According to Milledgeville City Ordinance, it is illegal for a bicycle or self-propelled vehicle to travel on the sidewalk.

Within the ordinance, Chapter 86, article II, section 86-45 and clause (b) says “It shall be the duty of the police department to enforce the provisions of this section.”

Also in the same section, clause (c) says “Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor...”

The Milledgeville Police Department enforces the city ordinance pretty heavily, and are starting to cite and issue fines to students and citizens caught riding down the sidewalk on their bike or skateboard.

While the Milledgeville Police Department have been enforcing the city ordinance, Georgia College Public Safety have been enforcing state law, which contradicts the city ordinance.

Georgia College Public Safety Patrol Sergeant Tron Smith, said that riding down the street on a bike or skateboard is obstructing the flow of traffic, because cars have to slow down to swerve out of the way.

O.C.G.A 16-11-43 says “A person who, without authority of law, purposely or recklessly obstructs any highway, street, sidewalk, or other public passage in such a way as to render it impassable without unreasonable inconvenience or hazard and fails or refuses to remove the obstruction after receiving a reasonable official request or the order of a peace officer that he do so, is guilty of a misdemeanor.”

Smith said that a person could not ride their bike on the highway, because that would impede the flow of traffic, thus breaking this state law.

Whether a student is stopped by the Georgia State Patrol, Baldwin County Sheriff's office, Milledgeville Police Department or Georgia College Public Safety, there is essentially no common law that is understood by

all precincts to discipline riding on the sidewalk or street.

This reporter has first hand experience.

This reporter was riding his skateboard down South Jefferson Street on the sidewalk and was pulled over by Milledgeville Police Department and warned of a crime being committed by him. He was warned by the officer that he could be charged with a misdemeanor and told to ride on the sidewalk.

Less than 20 minutes later, he was pulled over by Georgia College Public Safety for riding on the street and obstructing the flow of traffic which is a misdemeanor charge.

Michael Screws, the corporal assistant post commander in Milledgeville for the Georgia State Patrol said that the enforcement of these laws vary officer to officer. As an officer he said he does not mess with people riding bikes or using skateboards, and that there are more important crimes in this town, like gang activity.

Ultimately he said that Milledgeville is one of those places where a Georgia State Patrol can use the law to express their opinion.

If a cyclist was caught in the roadway by the Georgia State Patrol, they could enforce state law and say that they were impeding the flow of traffic.

If a cyclist was caught riding on the sidewalk, the officer could enforce city ordinance and say that they are impeding the flow of pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk.

Screws said that decisions like this depend purely on the day, and the officer who witnessed the event.

Taylor Payne, a graduate student at GC studying for his masters in arts in teaching secondary mathematics, rides a longboard to get to class. Payne said he has been riding the board for three years now, and has been followed by local police for riding on the street.

“I was near the dorms, on the road, because you aren't allowed to ride on the sidewalk...and a State Patrol officer came up to me in his car, he was in oncoming traffic, didn't use his lights, stopped in the middle of the road and rolled his window down. He said ‘boy get off the road, you aren't supposed to be boarding there,’” Payne said. “When I told him that we had already cleared the law with local PD, he still said to get off the road and that he didn't want to have to tell me again. Instead of dealing with it, I got onto the sidewalk, walked a block away,

until he was out of sight, and got back on my board and didn't worry about it.”

Payne also mentioned previous encounters with local police.

“There was a time around a year and a half ago where GCPD were telling us to get on the sidewalk, and MPD was saying the opposite. One afternoon we were skating and not five minutes after being yelled at by GCPD, MPD rolled by and told us to get off the sidewalk. One of the older guys in our group of skaters emailed public safety asking for clarification, and heard back from Sergeant Baker who said it should not be happening.”

After weeks passed, the Chief of Georgia College Police, Don Challis, approached another skateboarder, Zach Mell, a now GC alum and apologized.

“He talked to me at one point and said he had seen the cam videos (body cameras) and actually apologized,” Mell said. “He approached me and told me that the officers would be talked to and dealt with,” he said.

Mell also said that local police precincts are confused with which law to enforce locally.

“I think a lot of people were in question of what was the real law. I think it was just kind of weird that I was talking to city police just a block over from Georgia College Police, but there was just a very different ideology about how to deal with something that was equivalent to a scooter on the road,” Mell said.

Despite the apology by Georgia College Public Safety Chief, Don Challis, students are still targeted by local police officers for riding their preferred mode of transport either on the street or on the sidewalk.

Collin Kosior, a sophomore and history major, said that recently he was pulled over by a local officer and told to get on the sidewalk because he was breaking state law. He mentioned that on a different occasion, he was riding on the sidewalk, and was stopped and told to get on the street because he was violating city ordinance.

Kosior commented on the two contradicting laws.

“I think there should have been some regard in writing one, to the other, I don't know which came first. I mean if we have a law, it should be the same. Whatever level you write it at, it needs to have the same consistency,” he said.

Oconee River Greenway: Art vs safety

Taylor Blackwell
Contributing Writer

The pedestrian bridge at the Oconee River Greenway remains under construction two years after receiving a \$35,000 grant for an art installation the city government has yet to approve.

During this delay, several violent crimes have been reported at the Greenway.

In 2016, the \$35,000 grant was provided to paint a mural under the Greenway pedestrian bridge.

“The city will tell us when, so until then, our hands are tied,” said David Grant, treasurer of the Oconee River Greenway Foundation. “I'd love to write that check and send it in.”

The project's goal involves students from both GMC and GC painting the mural with their own creative ideas.

The bridge is also washing out, causing a delay in the art installation. This creates a more dangerous

environment as the beams are weak and need replacement, which will cost more money.

The person of contact for the city's approval keeps changing, and when it changes, the foundation has to start over again. This is another reason for the years of delay.

Two battery assaults and one sexual assault have been reported at the Greenway over the past two years.

The most recent report was July 30, and the victim, a pregnant juvenile, was struck in the stomach and chased by a man. The incident report states that they fought under the bridge and that there were witnesses.

Another assault occurred close to the same bridge. The victim was a female jogger attacked by a man in a jumpsuit. She tried to defend herself, kicking and screaming, when she finally escaped and ran to the parking lot. Though no one witnessed the attack, they recall the same sketchy white male. However, all of the descriptions vary.

“I sometimes walk my dog at the Greenway,” said GC student Bri Ray. “But not at night. At night, it's a different kind of environment. It's dark and sketchy.”

The Greenway has lights throughout the trails but no cameras. Eight years ago, cameras helped measure foot traffic and deter crime, but the cameras were quickly stolen and never replaced.

“If there's anything to make it safer, we're willing to look into it,” Grant said, “Like better placement of cameras. The only problem is, who is going to monitor them?”

The Oconee River Greenway Foundation cannot purchase cameras for public safety without permission from the Greenway Authority, a state establishment that owns the park.

“As the foundation, we are just a fundraising arm,” said Walter Reynolds, a former foundation board member. “The money raised goes to expansions, maintenance and improvements.”

Campus organizations active in election

Miya Banks
Staff Writer

College Republicans and Young Democrats have increased their ranks significantly since the 2016 presidential election. Both groups made thousands of calls to encourage people to vote for the midterm elections.

Chairman of CR, Logan Blackwell, said CR has 105 members now, whereas in April, they only had 17.

Trent Nicholas, president of YD, also reports growth.

“Last year, we started growing the group, and I think the rate has been increasing pretty well for the last two years,” Trent said.

CR and YD contributed to campaigns by volunteering with their respective Baldwin County parties. Both groups helped out at events and conducted hundreds of hours of phone banking.

Phone banking is a type of canvassing, which is defined as making initial, direct contact with individuals. It's essentially door knocking by phone. The purpose is to encourage people to vote.

On CR's relationship with the Baldwin County GOP, Blackwell said, “[CR] needs to be the workforce—volunteering, door-knocking and that kind of stuff. But then they help us out financially periodically and help

us get speakers on campus through their connections.”

Nicholas said YD worked with the Baldwin County Democratic Party to bank calls and said he believes their efforts caught the attention of the Democratic National Committee in Washington. Their total calls were combined, but Nicholas could not confirm the exact number.

Blackwell said CR set aside Monday and Tuesday nights for phone banking. Their goal was 5,000 calls per week, and according to Blackwell, they met their goal each week.

Both organizations used apps to simplify their tasks. HubDialer, for example, is a web-based application designed for phone banking that expedites the process by connecting to a user's phone and continuously auto-dialing numbers in a database, until the user ends the session. Organizations upload a list of target contacts, and HubDialer does the rest of the work for them.

Both Nicholas and Blackwell listed three key issues affecting college students.

Blackwell said CR's concerns are concealed carrying on campus, healthcare and education. Nicholas said YD's top three are healthcare, environmental issues and education.

“GC does a really good job of taking care of its students with its healthcare and its doctors and everything else, but it's re-

ally important to me that all students are insured,” Nicholas. “That all people are insured, that everyone has access to healthcare.”

CR has a concern about healthcare because GC has a large number of students in the nursing program, Blackwell explained, and the difficulty keeping rural hospitals open could lead to students only having opportunities to work in Atlanta.

On education, Nicholas said he wants a future where college is affordable and hopes that “we can find a solution to make going to college a more economic option, and then not leave people with such debt and look at possibly of making college a cheaper or more free experience like we see in Europe and other places.”

CR has three concerns about education: underpaid K-12 teachers, eliminating Common Core and the distribution of the HOPE scholarship.

Now that election season is over, YD and CR will continue to attend campus events, host their own events and hold meetings.

Anyone interested in CR can contact Blackwell at logan.blackwell@gcsu.bobcats.edu. CR will continue to meet every three weeks in Atkinson 107.

Anyone interested in YD should contact Nicholas at robert.nicholas@bobcats.gcsu.edu, and consider attending a bimonthly meeting in A&S 243.

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SPORTS

Volleyball ends post-season with loss in semis



Courtesy of Tushar Talele
Senior Kayla Brockway celebrates with her teammates immediately after securing her 4,000 assist on Oct. 28



Courtesy of Tushar Talele
Svehla and Brockway set up a kill on Oct. 27

SHAY TARVER

PLAYER STATS

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POSITION	GUARD
HEIGHT	5'6
YEAR	SENIOR
PREVIOUS COLLEGE	HOWARD UNIVERSITY
MAJOR	BIOLOGY

2017-18 SEASON

STATS

PPG	10.3
STEALS	22
ASSISTS	58

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Alex Jones
Sports Editor

The women’s volley-
ball team wrapped up
their 2018 season as
they exited the Southeast
region tournament with a
loss to USC Aiken in the
semifinals on Nov. 16.
The Bobcats fell short
in a thrilling semifinal
matchup against fellow
PBC contender, USC Aik-
en, in five sets.
Senior Taylor Svehla
led the Bobcats with 21
kills while senior Kayla
Brockway accumulated
61 assists, breaking her
previously held school
record of 55 in a match.
The team concluded
their season with a 17-13
overall record while going

6-6 within the conference
in regular season play.
As a team, they com-
piled 1,453 kills and 1,375
assists throughout the
year. Those season sta-
tistics both rank second
in program history.
On the attack, Svehla
led the team in kills with
397. Sophomore Libby
Bochniak followed close-
ly behind with 359 kills of
her own, shattering her
2017 season total of 282.
Brockway stands in a
league of her own with
1,158 assists on the
season. Her career total
of 4,317 assists ranks
second in the PBC record
book since 25-point rally
scoring was implemented
in 2008. The Bobcat with
the second most assists
was sophomore Jordyn
Moellering with 90.

Although the sea-
son ended without the
PBC championship or
an appearance in the
Southeast region final, in
reflection on the season
and the play they have
exhibited, the Bobcat’s
have plenty of reasons to
hold their heads high.
Svehla and Brockway
will be the only departing
members of the team in
the offseason as they are
expected to graduate.
The current roster
includes five freshman,
four sophomores and two
juniors, all who gained
playing time and experi-
ence they will carry over
into the future seasons.
The volleyball team
had a sensational season
and will look towards a
promising season next
year.

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Courtesy of GC Sports Information
Tarver dribbles the ball up the court in a game last season on Jan. 31

Tarver

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like my own fear,” Tarver said. “I think to myself do I really want to put all my weight on this one leg, physically I can, but mentally I am scared.” Tarver said play-

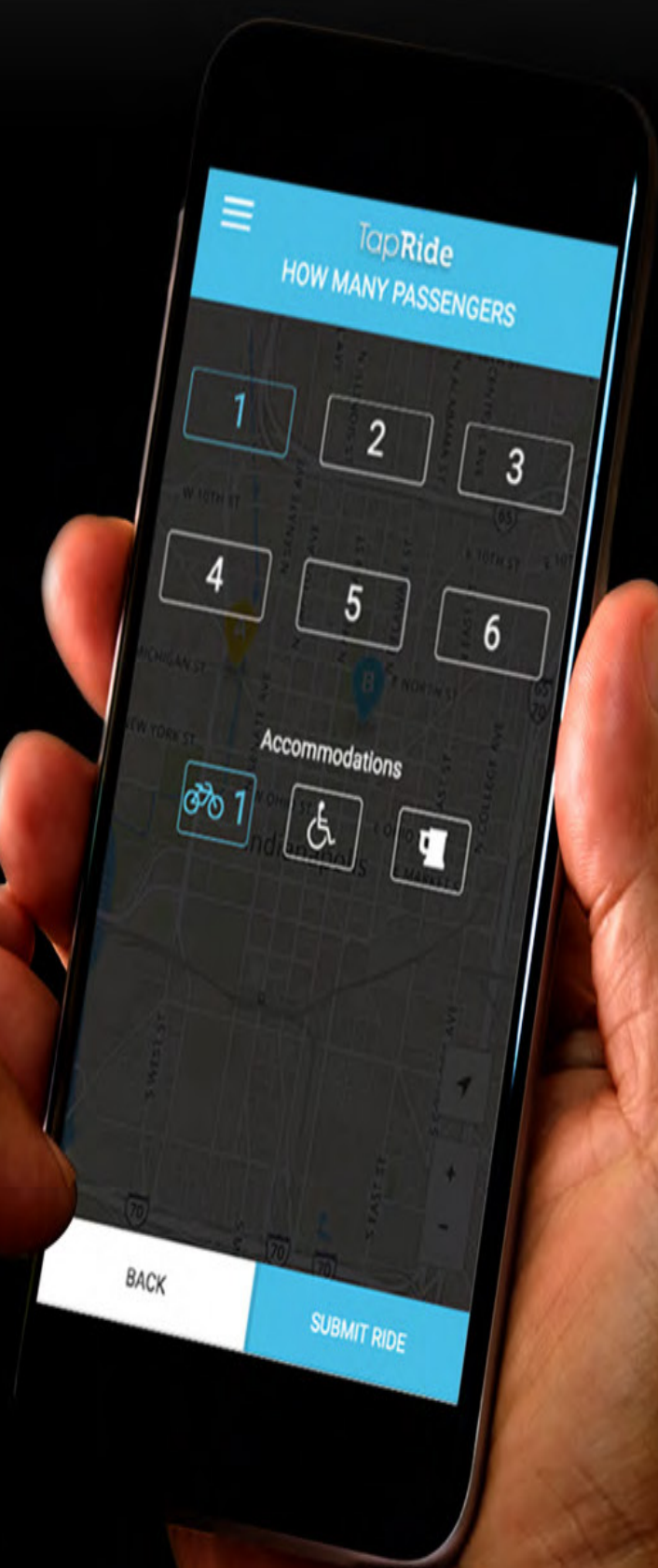
ing scared is when the chances of injury are at its highest. “You’re trying to play timid so you’re not going to be playing like your normal self,” Tarver said. “I am trying to alter my game around that and change the little things to prevent injury.” Little things like getting back in shape and

watching her team from the sideline make the process as a whole harder for Tarver, but she is not letting the little setbacks keep her from enjoying her last season as a Bobcat. “It has been difficult mentally to get back into it, but I am learning how to deal with it every day,” Tarver said.

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